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AKRON, OHIO, SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 8, 1899.

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TWO LIVES LOST

In a Collision on the Akron, Bedford & Cleveland Railroad.

Grief-Stricken Wife and Mother Crazed
by Loss of Husband and Son.

Another Victim of Frightful Accident Is In a
Critical Condition.

Cars Crashed Together Near Seasons During
Terrific Wind and Rain Storm.

Two lives lost and six persons bruised, torn and bleeding, suffering intense pain, is in part the story of a wreck occurring on the A., B. & C. line, between Gilbert and Season's switches, four miles north of Cuyahoga Falls, Friday afternoon about 3:05. Others were injured but not seriously. Three cars were smashed into fragments.

DEAD.

Howard Martin, aged 14 years, of Cuyahoga Falls. Died 25 minutes after the collision. Right leg was cut off, and injuries about the head.

Motorman Earl T. Martin, aged 39, of the Falls. Both legs crushed, injured about head and face and internally. Was brought to Akron City Hospital. Remained conscious until death. Both legs were amputated above the knees, about 9 o'clock, by Drs. T. C. Parks and W. C. Jacobs. Died at 10:30. Body removed to Park's morgue and prepared for burial. He died in ignorance of his son's death. He had made frequent inquiries about him.

Mrs. Martin's Condition Serious.

Earl T. Martin was the father of Howard. The Martin family consisted only of father, mother and son. The mother is prostrated with grief, and her condition is serious.

FATALLY INJURED.

Clarence D. Smith, aged 38 years, of Cuyahoga Falls, assistant superintendent of the A., B. & C. line. Bad cut in his head, legs crushed, and injured internally. He is at his home and several physicians are attending him, and a nurse from the City hospital is at his bedside. It is not thought that he will recover. Smith is married and has three children.

Five Seriously Hurt.

William Clogston, aged 68 years, of Springfield, Mass., scalp wound, left eye cut and back injured. Brought to Akron City hospital. Eye removed Friday night by Dr. James G. Grant. Scalp wound dressed by Dr. C. T. Parks. Clogston is getting along well today, and it is thought he will recover. He conversed with a DEMOCRAT reporter at the hospital Saturday morning. He is a traveling salesman for the Power Paper company of Holyoke, Mass., and has a wife and family. Traveling through this part of the country for the past 30 years, he is quite well known, having visited Akron frequently. This is the first railway accident he ever met with.

George Paul, aged about 45 years, of Cuyahoga Falls, civil engineer for the A., B. & C. line, leg broken and injured internally. Has a wife and family and is being cared for at his home.

Motorman John Geib, of Cuyahoga Falls, bruised severely about the arms, legs and shoulders. Being cared for at his home.

Conductor Ambrose Spurgeon, of Cuyahoga Falls, is bruised about the head, and has a severe gash cut in his head. Is being treated at his home.

Benjamin F. Exline, of 85½ Ontario st., Cleveland, has both ankles badly sprained, and minor injuries about his person. He is at the Akron city hospital.

A man named Kimball, of Cleveland, was also injured. He was taken to Cleveland, as were also two women and a couple of men who sustained injuries of a minor nature.

Exline's Statement

Benjamin F. Exline, at the City hospital, said to a DEMOCRAT reporter Saturday morning.

"We saw nothing of the other car until it was almost upon us. Myself and Kimball were in the smoking room of the car. In the front vestibule were Motorman Geib and Messrs. Smith and Paul. In the seat nearest the smoking room sat Mr. Clogston. When the south-bound car was seen all the passengers began to scream. In a moment the cars were together. The crash was terrific. I didn't see much of the others, for I was knocked through the window of the smoking car into the main car. When the collision was over, I heard Clogston calling for help. He was knocked through a window on the right side of the car. The front end of both passenger cars were piled on top of the stone car, and both were smashed to pieces and the passengers thrown in every direction. The storm raged fiercely and the cries of the wounded added to the terror of the scene."

Funeral Arrangements.

The funeral of Mr. Martin and his son will take place Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the deceased's brother, Charles L., 503 Wheeler st. Earl T. Martin was a member of Cuyahoga Camp 4,986 Modern Woodmen of America. Funeral services will be conducted under the auspices of that order.

The Story.

The facts gleaned from all sources give the story as follows:

STORY OF THE WRECK

As Told by Passengers, Employees And Company Officials--
Cause of Wreck Unknown.

Car No. 5, bound for Cleveland, in the system of connections. Car left Akron at 2 o'clock. It was manned by Conductor Ambrose Spurgeon and Motorman John Geib both of Cuyahoga Falls. About 13 passengers were aboard the train.

During the storm Friday afternoon some trees were blown across tracks near Bedford. This caused confusion

Martin's Orders.

About forty minutes before No. 5 left Akron, Motorman Earl T. Martin

of Cuyahoga Falls, received orders to take car No. 48, which was on a siding near the power house, and go to Northfield from which place he was to push in a flat car loaded with stones. Prior to starting, he was directed by the train dispatcher at the power house, Fred Welker, to telephone from Northfield when he was ready to return, so that he might receive information as to the schedule of car No. 5. Mr. Martin was accompanied on the trip to Northfield by John Kelly, who acted as brakeman on the stone car on the return trip.

Damaged By Lightning.

Lightning had damaged the telephone service. It is not known whether or not Motorman Martin tried to telephone to the dispatcher from Northfield. Doubtless if he did he found the telephone damaged and could not reach the office.

Brakeman's Statement.

To a DEMOCRAT reporter Friday night, Brakeman Kelly said: "I don't know whether Mr. Martin telephoned or not. I was not watching him, nor did I anticipate any danger."

Car No. 5 was not held any length of time by the dispatcher when it arrived at the power house. It was not known that Martin was there on the return trip.

Joined His Father.

Northfield is about 10 miles distant from the power house. The stones which Mr. Martin was sent after, were to be used in some improvements near Season's switch. About half way on the return home, Mr. Martin's 14-year-old son, Howard, joined him. They were both riding in the front vestibule of the car, in front of which was the car loaded with stones. On the front end of the stone car rode Brakeman Kelly. The cars were running at a rapid rate of speed. The full power of the motor was turned on; and, knowing about the time car No. 5 was due, Mr. Martin's design, it is said, was to reach Season's switch in time to arrange a safe passing with No. 5.

At Full Speed.

The north-bound car was running with terrific speed. So was the south-bound. On a sharp curve, between Gilbert and Season's switches, in the midst of a violent wind and rain storm the two cars crashed together. They were almost together before the great danger of the situation was comprehended. Seeing the danger, Brakeman Kelly jumped off the car. He was not a moment too soon. Alighting in a barb-wire fence, his face was considerably scratched. Other than that he was uninjured.

Smashed to Pieces.

When the cars collided, No. 5, which is a big combination car, was smashed into pieces, and the passengers thrown in every direction. Both passenger cars were almost piled on top of the stone car, which was also demolished badly. The collision occurred about 3:05.

In the Vestibule.

On No. 5 were Clarence D. Smith of Cuyahoga Falls, assistant superintendent of the A., B. & C. line, and Geo. Paul, also of Cuyahoga Falls, surveyor for the company. They were going to inspect some work being done on the tracks near Season's switch. Both gentlemen were standing in the front vestibule of the car with Motorman Geib—Mr. Smith was at his right side and Mr. Paul was directly behind him.

Terrible Impetus.

The front part of car 5 collided with the stone car, pitched forward with a terrible impetus. The timbers of the foundation and floor of the car were shattered, and a piece striking Mr. Paul, broke one of his legs. He was also injured internally.

The Injured.

Mr. Smith was pitched forward and his head was struck by a large stone, as it rolled off the freight car. A large hole was cut in his head and his legs were crushed. He also received internal injuries.

Motorman Geib had a leg and an arm injured. His injuries are not serious.

Conductor Spurgeon received a cut in the forehead, but the injury is not of a critical nature.

Benjamin F. Exline, of 85½ Ontario st., Cleveland, was caught between timbers and both legs bruised and sprained.

William Clogston, 68 years old, of

Springfield, Mass., sustained a scalp wound, and a cut above the eye, which necessitated its removal. His back was also severely injured. Injuries are very serious.

Frightful Results.

Mr. Martin and his son were both in the front vestibule of No. 48, which was also a large combination car. In the terrible collision Mr. Martin was so badly injured that it was thought he would not live beyond an hour or two.

Howard Martin, sustained injuries from which he died about 25 minutes after the occurrence of the accident. His right leg was cut off and he was injured about the head.

Scene of Accident.

The scene of the accident was gruesome and terrifying. The cries for help by the wounded were almost drowned by the fury of the storm. For a few moments those passengers who were not injured were dazed, and could scarcely comprehend the situation. Quickly recovering from the shock, they set to work to rescue the wounded from the broken timbers and fragments of the cars.

Surgeons Hurried to Place.

News of the accident was quickly sent to the power house, from which word was sent by telephone to the physicians at Cuyahoga Falls. Fortunately a regular car was just due when Dr. F. D. Smith received word. Hastily gathering together such instruments as were likely to be needed, he started at once for the scene. He arrived but a few minutes before Howard Martin died. Dr. Smith was soon followed by Drs. W. B. Middleton, W. S. Hough and A. H. Bill of Cuyahoga Falls, who went on the special cars sent out from this city. There were two special cars sent from here. They were loaded with cots, stretchers, bandages and other materials for administering aid to the wounded.

Ambulances Waiting.

Word was sent to Akron about 4 o'clock for ambulances and carriages to meet the cars, carrying the wounded, on Howard st., at Tallmadge st. Parks and Billow's ambulances, besides a number of carriages were ready to receive the wounded persons when the cars arrived about 5 o'clock. A large crowd was present.

Injured Arrives.

On the first car was Motorman Martin, and on the second were Wm. Clogston and Benjamin F. Exline. They were placed in the ambulances and hastily taken to the City hospital.

Clarence D. Smith, George Paul, Ambrose Spurgeon and John Geib were taken to their homes at Cuyahoga Falls.

The dead body of Howard Martin was carried to the power house. Later in the evening it was removed to the home of his parents in Cuyahoga Falls.

Taken to Cleveland.

Several other persons were injured in the wreck, but none of the cases were serious. They were placed in a car and sent on to Cleveland, to which place word was sent for carriages to meet them at the station to convey them to their homes, they nearly all residing in Cleveland.

Coroner Viewed Remains.

County Coroner E. O. Leberman of Akron, viewed the remains of Howard Martin Friday night and secured the names of the injured persons, preparatory to making a report of the cause and manner of death and injuries.

Cause a Mystery.

The cause of the accident is a mystery to the public. There seems to be no disposition on the part of the public to criticize any particular individual for neglect of duty. The most prominent theory at present, and it is regarded as very plausible, is that the damage done to the system of connections by reason of trees being blown on the track, and the telephone service being impaired, so changed the schedule of the runs, and such change not being universally known along the line, made the accident almost a natural consequence. A striking feature of the accident is that nearly all those seriously injured were employees of the railway company.

Car Has a History.

Car No. 5 has a history. It was in three wrecks, but until this time it managed to pull through without being damaged very much. It is

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HONORS

For an Akron Man.

Mr. A. C. Bachtel First
President

Of Association of Demo-
cratic Clubs.

Akron Delegates Worked Hard
For Him.

Col. Bryan and the Chicago Plat-
form Endorsed.

Mr. A. C. Bachtel of Akron, was elected president of the Ohio Association of Democratic clubs by acclamation at Columbus yesterday. Names of Mr. Durbin of Kenton and Dr. R. H. Reemelin of Cincinnati, were presented. Durbin at once withdrew in Mr. Bachtel's favor. Before the balloting was completed, Mr. Bachtel having received enough votes to elect him, Dr. Reemelin's name was withdrawn and the Akron man was elected by acclamation. Mr. Bachtel made a brief speech accepting the nomination and thanking the convention for the honor.

His election was due to the hard work of the Akron delegation, which started his boom shortly after arriving at Columbus.

Other officers are: Vice presidents, Messrs. Reemelin and Durbin; Secretary, J. N. Koerner, of Columbus; executive committee, J. H. Goeke, Auglaize; L. G. Long, Montgomery; W. E. Weyant, Wayne; A. T. Knorr, Darke; L. W. Brown, Fulton.

Capt. C. C. Benner of Akron introduced a resolution to have the State Convention changed to an earlier date but it was ruled out by Chairman E. B. Findley upon a point of order raised by Joe Dowling of Dayton, who declared that the work of the State Executive Committee was beyond the Association's jurisdiction.

Columbus was selected as the convention city one year hence. Akron delegates attending the convention were: President John McBride, J. K. Simmons, A. C. Bachtel, Representative C. W. Kempel, Councilman George Brodt, City Clerk Isbell, S. C. Miller, R. B. Halter, Jas. A. Hallinan, L. S. Myler, Capt. C. C. Benner, E. S. Harter and A. A. Halter. The delegates attended the banquet. Mayor W. E. Young had made a trip to Dayton and could not attend the convention. He was at the banquet.

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the Convention—Bryan
Endorsed.

COLUMBUS, July 8.—The Ohio Association of Democratic Clubs was organized with General E. B. Findley of Bucyrus as permanent chairman and Chas. L. Swain of Cincinnati, secretary. About 100 delegates had assembled in the board of trade auditorium when the convention was called to order. The

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COMMITTEES

Of Board of Health Appointed By
Mayor W. E. Young.

Only members Palmer and Sargent were present at the Health Board last night. As there was no quorum nothing was done.

Mayor Young has appointed the following committees:

Sanitary—Messrs. Sargent, Palmer, Koplin.

Finance—Messrs. Palmer, Chandler, Lyon.

Public buildings—Messrs. Weber, Koplin, Lyon.

Summit County Men Honored.

D. W. Holloway of Akron, was elected a member of Division Council at the 17th annual encampment of the Ohio division Sons of Veterans, at Columbus yesterday. E. H. Atkinson of Mogadore, was elected senior vice commander.

Pianola Recital

This Evening

AT B. Dreher's

PURCHASE

Of Water Works Plant
Was Discussed

At Conference With President of the
Company—Probable Cost.

The purchase of the Akron Water Works plant was discussed by the General Improvement committee of the City council last night in a conference with Hon. Geo. W. Crouse, president of the Water Works company.

The city cannot purchase the water works plant until empowered to do so, and the question has been submitted to a vote of the people. If the vote carries, then two appraisers must be appointed by the city and two by the company. All of the four appraisers must be disinterested parties. They will select a fifth.

The 20-year franchise of the company with the city, which was granted in 1894, states that at the expiration of any period of five years, the city can purchase the property at the price fixed by the appraiser. The first five years expired in 1899, hence the city cannot purchase the property before 1904, if the necessary legislation is enacted before that time. Efforts will be made, however, to have this municipal law passed in Ohio, and if not for the state, for Akron alone.

The estimated price of the water works system is \$350,000. The amount of the water daily used in Akron averages 4,000,000 gallons.

DEMAND

For Coal Has Been
Greater Than Usual.

Tests Made In New Coal Field
Proved Satisfactory.

Coal dealers of the city report that the supply is scarcely equal to the demand at present.

It is said that more coal was consumed during the months of May and June than has been the case in the same months for many years.

Tests Made.

Tests are being continued in the new Massillon coal district, in Wayne county, near Doylestown, by the Akron Coal company. Results in all instances have proven satisfactory, and it is thought the deal that is pending for the purchase of the territory will be consummated in a short time.

WILL CONFER.

And Then Report to General Improve-
ment Committee.

The Improvement committee of the City Council met with Mr. Will Christy, who represented the Akron Traction & Electric Co., last night at the City building.

The object of the meeting was to ascertain if the street car company would extend the time one year for the completion of the East Market st. pavement.

Mr. Christy will confer with the directors of the company and report to the committee.

Grocers Attention.

All grocers of the city will meet at their hall Sunday, at 2 p. m., to attend the funeral of brother, Cyrus Miller, by order of Executive Committee.

Card of Thanks.

We sincerely thank all of the neighbors, friends and relatives for their kindly assistance during the illness and death of our daughter, Mabel, and also thank each and every one for their floral offering.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kerner and family and husband, Alvin Henry and granddaughters Susan Willis.

ANIMALS

Thrown Into Well.

Water Contaminated and
Lives Endangered.

Sensational Motion Filed
by Attorney.

Jacksons Have Thirty Days to
Vacate Home.

Two Divorces Were Granted—Court
House News.

Attorney T. L. Childs has filed a sensational motion in the case commenced against him by C. H. Palmer. He seeks to have receiver F. B. Theiss, who was appointed to take charge of the Wells farm, removed. Childs' property adjoins it. He says that after the appointment the farm was transferred, through the efforts of G. W. Read, to one Drake, for the purpose of injuring him. Drake, he says, refused to allow him to use a well on the premises. Childs then cleaned out an abandoned well on the line between the properties. A short time later, he says, dead animals were placed in it. He had used the water two weeks before becoming aware that the water was contaminated. The lives of himself and family were endangered. For a year he has had to haul all water for a mile. He says there is no necessity for the receiver.

Divorce Case.

Andrew Mutschler, in a divorce petition, charges his wife Mary with gross neglect and cruelty. He says she has threatened to kill him and she was restrained from injuring him.

Must Vacate.

Friday afternoon Judge Kohler gave Charles Jackson until next Thursday morning to vacate the premises, where he now resides.

Charles is a son of Andrew Jackson, commonly known as Toke. Several years ago the wife of the last named died. In her will she gave him a life interest in the estate. The son has refused to permit his father the use of the residence.

Recently the court ordered Charles and his brother to vacate. They neglected to do so. Friday they were brought in for contempt of court. The Judge explained the situation to them and they were discharged, the costs only being assessed against them. In court Friday they accused their father of using the house for immoral purposes.

Receiver Discharged.

E. E. Otis, appointed receiver of the Root-Tea-Na Herb company, has been, on motion of the officers of the company, discharged. They are given 30 days in which to file an answer.

Two Divorces.

Charlotte Birdsell was granted a divorce from Isidore Birdsell Friday. They were married May 4, 1899. She alleged willful absence. She was also given \$1,000.

Dilla Kenepp, who alleged willful absence, was granted a divorce from Henry Kenepp.

Judgment.

N. R. Steiner has been given judgment against the D. F. Morgan Boiler company for \$1,500. The judgment must be paid in 20 days or the property will be sold.

Randolph Park.

Tonight closes the last performance of the "Stars and Stripes." It has stirred, amused and pleased everyone who heard it and will undoubtedly see a crowded house to-night. Sacred concert Sunday afternoon. Next week opens with "Our Boys" and closes with "Nugget Nell." Each night has a special attraction. There will be a performance by Ramona, the Blondon donkey. This is the only donkey known that can walk and perform on a tight rope, roll barrels, jump rope, etc. It is the funniest thing ever on a stage. You may die laughing, but no one can afford to miss this show. It is all free with a round trip ticket.

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PERSONALS.

Mrs. L. A. Scanes, of 600 Miami st., is visiting friends in Chicago, Ill.

Geo. J. Harter of Chardon, has returned after a pleasant visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Harter of Ira ave.

Mrs. Sim Scheuer of Cleveland, is the guest of Miss Floretta Moss of 116 N. Broadway.

Chas. Filius, Esq., of Warren, was among Friday's visitors in the city. A visitor in the city Friday was J. S. Wilhelm, of the Canton Repository staff.

Mrs. Caroline Schoeninger and Mrs. John Dando and son visited Hudson friends Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beardman and their sons Willie and Linis, of Niles, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Stone of Wabash av.

The Misses Fannie and Anna Stair are spending the week in Cleveland with relatives and friends.

John Doran left Thursday evening for Boston, where he has secured a position.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Seiler returned home last night after a four weeks' sojourn in Indiana and Michigan.

Mrs. Anna Stone who has been seriously ill at her home, 238 Wabash av., is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Trenary at 515 West State st., are visiting friends in Cleveland.

Guests at Long Lake.

The out-of-town guests at the Long Lake park hotel during the week are: R. A. Robbins, St. Thomas, Ontario; J. A. Park, Geo. Bate, A. C. Park, Misses Gertrude and Kate Elick, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hencke, Cleveland; W. J. Cosolin, Wooster; Mrs. Wilkins, Cherry Grove, Pa. The Akron guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hanscom, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Slader, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ruckle, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gibbs, Chas. H. Adams, Chas. A. Kaster, Claude Lilly, B. F. Whitel, Will Slader, Miss Jennie Hall and Miss B. G. Lemmon, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mooney.

THE WEATHER:
Fair tonight, Sunday and Monday.

COMBINE

With Capital of \$2,000,-
000 For Akron.

This City Headquarters For Stone-
ware Trust—Disagreement.

Akron will be the headquarters of the American Stoneware company, with a capital of \$2,000,000, if promoters are successful in bringing about a combination of the manufacturers.

A meeting was held at the Chittenden hotel in Columbus Thursday and Friday, which was presided over by Russell H. Kent of this city. Another effort was made to form a definite combination of the stoneware plants along lines similar to those proposed before.

Considerable opposition was developed and nothing definite could be effected as a number of manufacturers refused to sell out to the new company. There was also a disinclination on the part of some of the owners to enter the agreement. Another meeting will be held next month.

NEW PRESIDENT

Claimed O. C. Barber Will be Deposed
—Important Developments.

The Chicago Journal says that an attempt will be made at the annual meeting of the Diamond Match company, to depose President O. C. Barber. Other important developments are expected. All independent companies will be taken in.

STATE OFFICERS.—At the state convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans at Columbus Friday Miss Edie Haynes of Akron, was elected a member of the council and Miss Bertha Sieckhaus, chief of staff.